

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

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BRUNO HOFMANN, :
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 Plaintiff, : Civil Action
 : No. 04-10027-JLT
 v. :
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 PHILIP LAUGHLIN, MICHAEL :
 SABOLINSKI, ALBERT ERANI, DONNA :
 ABELLI LOPOLITO, JOHN J. ACARI, :
 HERBERT M. STEIN, ALAN ADES, :
 BERNARD A. MARDEN, ALAN W. :
 TUCK, NOVARTIS PHARMA AG and :
 PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS LLP, :
 Defendants. :
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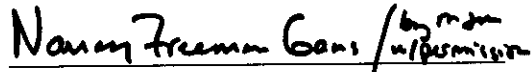
**STIPULATION AND ORDER TO EXTEND
PwC's TIME TO RESPOND TO COMPLAINT**

Plaintiff and defendant PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP ("PwC"), by their under-
signed counsel, hereby stipulate and agree that the time within which PwC may answer, move, or
otherwise respond to the complaint in this action is extended to and including 30 days after the
later of: (a) the Court's selection of a lead plaintiff pursuant to § 21D(a)(3) of the Securities
Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. §§ 78a, et seq.), as amended by the Private Securities Litiga-
tion Reform Act of 1995 (Public Law No. 104-67), or (b) the date on which a consolidated
amended complaint, if any, is served upon the defendants, either pursuant to a Court order issued
in connection with the selection of a lead plaintiff or otherwise, or by agreement of the plaintiff
in this action and the plaintiff(s) in any other action which is filed in this Court and which asserts
claims similar to those alleged in the above-captioned action.

The plaintiff and defendant PwC jointly respectfully request that the Court
approve the foregoing stipulation.

Dated: February 12, 2004
Boston, Massachusetts

Respectfully submitted,



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SO ORDERED:

Dated: _____

Joseph L. Tauro
United States District Judge